

**Tiverton Town Financial Meeting
Saturday May 9, 2009**

Moderator's Resolutions per Town Council in absence of a Moderator

- 1) **RESOLVED**, that the Town Administrator, any Town Department Head, including School Superintendent and the Director of Library Services may participate in these proceedings but may not vote in these proceedings if that person is not a registered elector of the Town of Tiverton.
- 2) **RESOLVED**, that in order to conduct an orderly flow of business, the Moderator will recognize the Chairman of the Budget Committee or his designee to place the Budget Committee's recommendation before the electors. Following the Budget Committee's recommendation, the Moderator shall recognize an amendment from the applicable department/committee, if any, and no more than three amendments from the floor. All motions must be seconded. Discussion shall be allowed in the reverse order in which the amendments were presented and by any maker of an amendment prior to any votes taken. In making a motion or amendment, the elector shall 1) proceed to the nearest microphone; 2) state his/her name and address, and 3) state the motion or amendment, which must contain a specific dollar amount if voting on financial matter.
- 3) **RESOLVED**, that no motion that alters, amends, rescinds, or reconsiders any previous action shall be entertained by the Moderator unless there are as many or more electors present as there were at the time the original vote was taken and the person moving said motion shall have voted on the prevailing side, and shall so swear or affirm under penalty of perjury at the time of making a motion to reconsider.
- 4) **RESOLVED**, that the Town Meeting shall be deemed to have received the written reports of the Town Officers and Committees by this motion.
- 5) **RESOLVED**, that no motion to approve the remainder of the budget as recommended or requested or amended, shall be approved unless said motion is adopted by a majority of the assembly.

Tiverton Council Resolution

- 1.) **RESOLVED**, that the voters of the Financial Town Meeting approve setting aside a reserve fund of \$300,000.00 as a restricted expense for the purpose of accounting for annual abatements which will amount to approximately 1.0% of levied taxes on Real and Tangible Properties.

Tiverton Taxpayer Petition For A Proposal To Expend Money

This petition seeks to appropriate and expend the annual sum of \$110,290.00 for twelve (12) years for the purpose of acquiring a ladder tower for the Tiverton Fire Department. The amount paid annually will represent a financed amount of \$950,000.00 over a twelve (12) year period at 5.51% interest. This proposal is being sought because the item was not considered by the Tiverton Budget Committee in the docket for this year and because numerous members of the Tiverton Budget Committee have advocated a maximum increase in the annual tax levy not to exceed one percent (1%) or zero. Because the Tiverton Budget Committee is recommending a slashed school operational budget in order to achieve their desired goal of a maximum levy increase of one percent (1%) to a zero percent, and because these same Budget Committee members are squandering the limited ability to utilize tax revenues under the State mandated cap of 4.75% to improve the community as a whole, we the Tiverton Taxpayers listed below believe it is in the best interest for the Town of Tiverton to acquire a Fire Apparatus Ladder Tower vehicle that will be used to save lives, provide fire protection to the community as a whole, assist in lowering our already too high insurance premiums by generating a more favorable National Fire Standard Rating than currently exists and to provide appropriate equipment for the health and welfare of the Tiverton Fire Department professional staff.